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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, CG, OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT TO ZAIRE

REF: STATE 24907

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT TO ZAIRE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 21. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HIS TRIP WILL BE FIRST MAJOR US VISIT TO KINSHASA FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 4 GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP. THE UNDER SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH TOP-LEVEL GOZ OFFICIALS, WILL LIKELY RANGE FAR BEYOND MULTILATERAL ISSUES AND INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES TOUCHING US-ZAIRE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. MOST LIKELY AREAS OF MULTILATERAL INTEREST FROM ZAIRIAN SIDE (IN DESCENDING LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE):
A) COPPER PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE DUE TO TAKE PLACE END OF MARCH. WILL BE INTERESTED IN U.S. RESPONSE AND ANY U.S. INITIATIVES.
B) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WILL ALLOW FOR MUTUAL ASSESSMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY CIEC COMMISSION.
C) GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RESULT OF U.S. INITIATIVES AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA, CIEC, IMF'S JAMAICA SESSION, AND OUR PARTICIPATION IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

3. MOST LIKELY AREAS OF BILATERAL INTEREST FROM ZAIRIAN SIDE:
A) POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO ZAIRE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.
B) DEBT RESCHEDULING IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF
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IMF REFORM.

C) STATUS OF AID AND EXIMBANK COMPONENTS OF U.S. HELP TO
ZAIRE'S ECONOMY.
D) FMS CREDITS.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING UNDER SECRETARY'S AREAS OF
INTEREST IN THESE TALKS.

5. WILL UNDER SECRETARY'S STAFF WISH TO HAVE SEPARATE PROGRAMS
ESTABLISHED? PLEASE INDICATE THE FRENCH CAPABILITY OF STAFF
MEMBERS.

6. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AN INFORMAL SESSION ON
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS -- HOPEFULLY AT THE BANK OF
ZAIRE -- TO WHICH SOME OF THE MIDDLE-LEVEL GOZ POLICY MAKERS
COULD BE INVITED. WE ENVISION A PRESENTATION OF U.S. POLICY,
FOLLOWED BY A SHORT DISCUSSION, AND THEN A LUNCHEON BY GOZ.
SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO GOZ'S APPROVAL.

7. WHAT IS DESIRED PRESS TREATMENT OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S
VISIT? GOZ GENERALLY LIKES TO MAKE MOST OF SUCH VISITS AND WE CAN
SEE LITTLE REASON TO DISCOURAGE SUCH ACTION.
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